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Spring into Recycling!

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Q&A WITH RECYCLE RAE

Recycle Rae,

I compost my food waste to make fertilizer. I have a 'pest proof' composting bin, but it doesn't do the best job of keeping out the pests. Do you have any suggestions on how to keep the rodents out of my compost?

-Pesty Control

Dear Pesty Control,

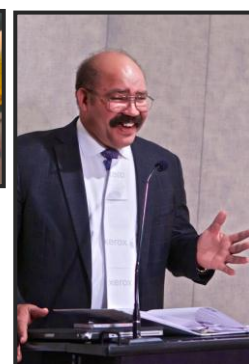
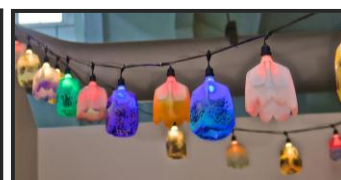
A co-worker gave me a very helpful tip on how to deter pests from your compost. She recommended getting steel stucco from your local hardware store to line the bottom of the bin. With the stucco in place pests cannot enter your compost bin by burrowing under it. Let me know how this works!

-Rae

Submit your own questions by emailing them to: rakiya-rae.wallace@baltimorecity.gov



VALENTINA I. UKWUOMA
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A Night to Salvage

Attendees came dressed in milk jugs hats, envelope skirts, and even DPW Director Alfred Foxx donned a Xerox paper tie to celebrate the opening of the Salvage recycled art exhibit. Nearly 300 people attended the opening night events which included performances by the Towson Percussion Ensemble on interactive drums crafted by artists Jenn Figg and Matthew McCormack. The drums harnessed vibrational energy to create light, which along with the ensemble made for a dazzling performance. Artist Katie Chen won the



\$500 first place prize, Stephen Towns won the \$250 second place prize, and Laure Drogoul won the \$150 third place prize. Valentina Ukwuoma, Head of DPW's Bureau of Solid Waste said, "I love this show! It highlights our Drive to 35 Campaign and is a great way to get citizens energized and excited about recycling. We hope this enthusiasm carries over and inspires city residents to do their part to help Baltimore reach a 35% recycling rate." Salvage, sponsored by Waste Management, is free and will be open Fridays and Saturdays from 1 pm to 6pm until May 18 at 751 Eastern Ave.

Photos courtesy of Mark Dennis and Wayne Butler



Baltimore's Office of Recycling Receives Honorable Mention for 2013 Excellence in EPS Recycling Award

The Department of Public Works' Bureau of Solid Waste's Office of Recycling received an Honorable Mention for the 2013 Excellence in EPS Recycling Award (EPS, Expanded polystyrene, is also known as Styrofoam™). The EPS Industry Alliance's Excellence in EPS Recycling Award acknowledges organizations that are proactive about recycling

Styrofoam™ and promoting the sustainability of the product.

The Office of Recycling was nominated for its innovative Styrofoam™ recycling program designed to give residents an opportunity to recycle their polystyrene which is not an acceptable

curbside recycling item. Citizens can recycle their Styrofoam™ at the NW Citizen's Convenience Center at 2840 Sisson St. from 9 am to 5 pm. Continue to support Baltimore's Drive to 35: A Race to Reach a 35% Recycling Rate by participating in the Styrofoam recycling program. For any questions please call the Office of Recycling at 410-396-4511.

Celebrate Earth Day for an Entire Week!

Celebrate Earth Day with Baltimore Green Week from April 19-27. Baltimore Green Week, organized by Baltimore Green Works, is a series of programs, lectures, and workshops focused on promoting sustainable practices and environmental awareness. You can participate in all of these events or volunteer. For more information about Green Week please visit: <http://baltimoregreenworks.com/events/baltimore-green-week/>.



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Mayor's Spring Cleanup April 20

The Mayor's Spring Cleanup is almost upon us. Communities should register for the cleanup by April 15. For any questions or to register, please call 311. Let's all do our part to clean up Baltimore!



Hazardous Waste 2013 Schedule

Household Hazardous Waste collection is the first Friday and Saturday of the month until October at 2840 Sisson St. For more information on acceptable materials please visit <http://publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/Recycling/HouseholdHazardousWaste.aspx>

Household Hazardous Waste Collection 2013 Schedule:

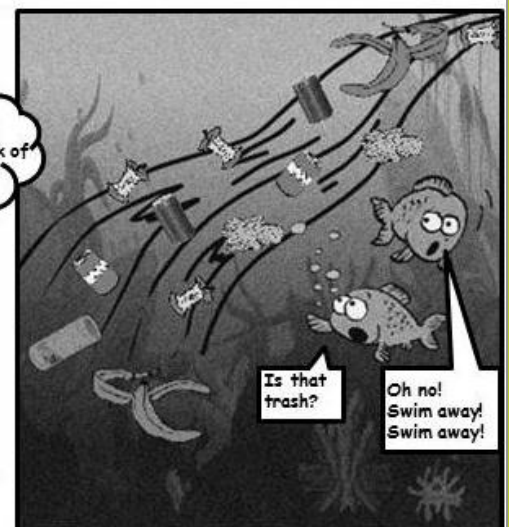
May 3 and May 4, 2013 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
June 7 and June 8, 2013 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
July 5 and July 6, 2013 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
August 2 and August 3, 2013 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
September 6 and September 7, 2013 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
October 4 and October 5, 2013 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Last time on ARM, Cooper took Lola to the Salvage recycled art exhibit when Dr. Waterman polluted it.



THE ADVENTURES OF RECYCLE MAN



Next time on ARM, has Dr. Waterman discovered Recycle Man's true identity?

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